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## PRESIDENT WILSON INSISTS ON THE FREEDOM OF THE SEAS

Must Search Ships Before Firing the Deadly and Destructive Torpedo

The Note is Friendly in Tone But It Is Straight to the Point

Washington, June 10.—The text of the American rejoinder to the German government's reply to the note following the sinking of the Lusitania follows:

The Secretary of State ad interim,  
to the American Ambassador to Berlin:

Department of State, Washington,  
June 9, 1915.

American Ambassador, Berlin:  
You are instructed to deliver textually the following note to the minister of foreign affairs:

In compliance with your excellency's request, I did not fail to transmit to my government immediately upon their receipt your note of May 28, in reply to my note of May 15, and your supplementary note of June 4, setting forth the conclusions so far as reached by the imperial German government concerning the attacks on the American steamers Cushing and Goliath. I am now instructed by my government to communicate the following in reply:

Gratified at Recognition.

The government of the United States notes with gratification the full recognition by the imperial German government, in discussing the cases of the Cushing and the Goliath, of the principle of the freedom of all parts of the open sea to neutral ships and the frank willingness of the imperial German government to acknowledge and meet its liability where the fact of attack upon neutral ships which had not been guilty of any hostility by German air craft or vessels of war is sufficiently established; and the government of the United States in due course lay before the imperial German government, as it requests, full information concerning the attack on the steamer Cushing.

With regard to the sinking of the steamer Falaba, by which an American citizen lost his life, the government of the United States is surprised to find the imperial German government contending that an effort on the part of a merchantman to escape capture and secure assistance alters the obligation of the officer seeking to make the capture in respect to the safety of the lives of those on board the merchantman, although the vessel has ceased her attempt to escape when torpedoed. These are not new circumstances. They have been in the minds of statesmen and of international jurists throughout the development of naval warfare, and the government of the United States does not understand that they have ever been held to alter the principles of neutrality upon which it has insisted. No such but actual forcible resistance, or continued efforts to escape by flight when ordered to stop for the purpose of search, on the part of the merchantman, has ever been held to forfeit the lives of our passengers or crew. The government of the United States, however, does not understand that the imperial German government is seeking in this case to relieve itself of liability, but only intends to set forth the circumstances which led the commander of the submarine to allow himself to hurried into the course which he took.

Denies Lusitania Armed

Your excellency's note, in discussing the loss of American lives resulting from the sinking of the steamer Lusitania, adverts at some length to certain information which the imperial German government has received with regard to the character and outfit of that vessel, and your excellency expresses the fear that this information may not have been brought to the attention of the government of the United States. It is stated in the note that the Lusitania was undoubtedly equipped with masked guns, supplied with trained gunners and special ammunition, transporting troops from Canada, carrying a cargo not permitted under the laws of the United States to a vessel also carrying pas-

### NOW WE ALL WANT TO KNOW

On Tuesday night a contraption that resembled a cross between a sofa and a lunch counter was carried down into the basement of the rooms of the Young Men's Social club, opposite the postoffice. On one end of the affair in gold letters was painted, "Repair Department." Now what an anxious public would like President Samuel House to explain is what is the need of a repair department in a social club room?

### THEY HAD THEM THEN

It would appear that fifty years ago there was just as much rivalry among the newspaper men of that period as there is today. Read this bit not which appeared in The Gazette's Fifty-year-anniversary column:

"The grand sachem of the Highwood-humbleton promised in last night's issue to tear away in today's paper. Tear away, sweet one."

## COL. GIDDINGS WAS FIRST DELEGATE

FORMER WELL-KNOWN SAVANNAH LAWYER PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART

### HE HELPED MAKE EARLY HISTORY IN NEBRASKA

An Old Manuscript Which Has Just Been Discovered Shows the Part That He Took in the Formation of That New Great State, as He, a Carpet-Bagger, Was Chosen to Go to Washington and Represent That State as Its First Congressman

Col. Napoleon Bonaparte Giddings died at Savannah in 1887. He was known to every man, woman and child in that county at the time of his death, and was almost as well known in St. Joseph. But that is neither here nor there, but simply to introduce the fact that the Nebraska papers at the present time are filling their columns with stories of Colored Giddings.

And it all comes about through the fact that next week Nebraska will celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of her admission as a state, and Colored Giddings was the first congressional delegate ever sent to Washington from that then territory. His part of the bringing of Nebraska to the fore caused out more pronouncements from the fact that last week an old manuscript was discovered in the archives of the Nebraska State Historical Society, which had been buried for years and which told of his life.

The Lincoln News, among the other papers exploiting the part he played, says that the manuscript is filled with valuable information concerning Colored Giddings, as little had been previously known, and he did not remain long. He was a typical carpet-bagger, literally having nothing but a carpet bag in his possession when he came to Nebraska two weeks before the election in which he was chosen congressional delegate. His home was in Missouri. The candidates who ran against him were also residents of the territory only by proxy or pretense. They were: Hadley Johnson of Council Bluffs, his proxy at Omaha; Bird B. Chapman of Elizabethtown, Ohio, and Joseph Dryson, a man who posed as "one of the common people."

**BITING THE EDITOR**

Contest Managers Cause Trouble By the Methods Used to Promote Their Ends

### GOVERNOR MOREHEAD COMING

The Chief Executive of Nebraska To be the Guest of the Monroe Club This Month

St. Joseph is to have the governor of Nebraska for a visitor in the next few days. He is to visit the Monroe Club and while their guest will speak on the questions of the day at the club's headquarters.

Some time ago local friends of Governor Morehead asked him to visit this city, and he made a promise that he would accept an invitation and speak before the club. On yesterday President George W. Akers of the organization, on behalf of the club, sent the Nebraska executive an invitation from the club to come at his earliest convenience and be their guest. As the governor had indicated his desire to come during the present month, it is likely that he will be here during the last week of June.

The Monroe Club will make elaborate arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the distinguished Nebraskan, and his stay here will be a pleasant one. Governor Morehead is a charming speaker and one of the best posted of the political men of the day. While here, a dinner will be tendered him which will be attended by the prominent men of the city. The coming of Governor Morehead will be made the occasion of an outpouring of the democracy of this portion of the state, and the Monroe Club will see that proper entertainment is provided for all visitors.

### AS TOLD BY MISS MAST

"Pa," said little Johnny, "teacher is thinking about promoting me."

"How do you know?"

"From what she said today."

"And what was that?"

"She said that if I kept on I'd belong to the criminal class."

### Henry Vogelman Will be a Candidate



HENRY VOGLMAN

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### BILLY SUNDAY

He raised his hands high and clenched his fists tight. He jumped to the left and he leaped to the right. He sat on the floor and he stood on a chair. He rattled his shirt and he towed his hair. He howled and he yelled and he twisted and squirmed. He crawled and he sprawled and he wriggled and wormed. He ranted and raved and his face became red. He danced and he hollered and stood on his head. He rattled, he prattled, he rippled and he tore. He chattered, he splattered, he stamped and he swore. He cracked a poor joke and he told an old story. He pointed the way to his heaven and glory. He took off his coat and he tore off his tie. He swore every faith but his own was true. He drew a fine line with a thin piece of chalk. And declared if thereon you were careful to walk. You'd arrive in his heaven and all would be well. But that all other ground was the pathway to hell. He told us the devil for each of us waited. He shouted, he roared, he gesticulated. He roared and he shrieked and he foamed at the mouth. He pawed the air north and he split the air south. He sneered and he snarled and his eyes became wild. And all in the name of the Christ who was mild.

The people were pleased with these elegant scenes.

They yelled their approval and gave of their means.

They filled his hat full to the brim with their gold.

To hear the glad tidings that hell is not cold.

—Frederick W. Raper, in the Masses.

### IT DOES COST MONEY THESE DAYS

Young John Jacob Astor can't live on less than \$50,000 a year, his mother tells the court. What with the high price of rattles and toy elephants and Teddy bears, it does cost money to bring up a child these days.

Owing to the utter impossibility of getting about the country during the past three weeks, and with the knowledge and consent of the contestants most interested, The Democrat very reluctantly announces the close of its California Tours Contest. We say reluctantly for two reasons—that but

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### MR. BRYAN'S RESIGNATION

It Was Accepted by President Wilson Under Circumstances Most Embarrassing

Mr. Bryan has resigned from the cabinet—that all of the world now knows.

That Mr. Bryan has acted in all sincerity and earnestness and upon the very best of motives, no one will question. He has looked upon his arbitration treaties as the crowning effort of his life, and it is greatly to be deplored

that Mr. Bryan's judgment and conscience impelled him at this time to resign, for the end to which he was working—to which the President is working—and for which all of the American people are hoping, is peace, peace with honor and justice.

But in all of this—in the face of the present situation—it is not to be forgotten that at times

in the past Mr. Bryan and some of his friends have been very conscious of other Democrats

that he has charged with embarrassing the President, and it is the irony of fate that Mr. Bryan himself at the last was compelled by his conscience and judgment, greatly to embarrass

President Wilson by differing with him sensationally and sharply on a question of foreign relations, in the midst of one of the most momentous crises in the history of the United States.

While that great question while the news was still young excited the pleasure of Mr. Bryan in the cabinet, but a feeling of added security in peace-loving citizens. Now that he has left it is well known that President Wilson and the advisers who surround him may be apathetic and inspired by that wisdom and righteousness which comes from on high to plot the ship of state in safety and peace and honor, with justice and fairness toward all nations, through the perils waters that everywhere surround us.

### EDNA SCHENCK-SAYLES SCORED A SUCCESS

One of the pleasing events of the week was the song recital in concert given by Edna Schenck-Sayles of Kansas City, assisted by Miss Pearl Lowell at the First Park Baptist Church Tuesday night. A very large and appreciative audience applauded the able condition of an elaborate program.

### HAS "ADVISED THE MAYOR"

How Prohibition Prohibits in That Prohibition State of All Prohibition States—Kansas

Wichita, Kas., June 10.—R. M. Boerner, attorney general, has sent a polite note to H. Bentley, mayor, on the boozie situation in Wichita. In substance the note says:

Why are so many joints selling no booze in your town?

Along with this question the attorney-general hints that unless a satisfactory reply is received diplomatic relations may be cut off between the capital and the mayor's office. Ross McNeirn, county attorney, told he would not be surprised to see Mr. Boerner "wring down" on the city at any time and start a "housecleaning."

### THOSE DEEP WATER HEROES

No Doubt Carnegie Medals Are Already Enroute Here for the Noble Diving Experts

At any and all times it is possible to find in cities the size of St. Joseph people who will pose as "experts" in any line or capacity, especially when called upon to pose before a rural community where they are uncharitable enough or so devoid of gray matter as to think that the ruralists do not know anything—or not much, at least, as they foolishly imagine.

But they are only fooling themselves. The rural communities now know as much, and more often more, than the city fellows who think to hoodwink them. Those two young "expert divers," who so nobly responded to the call from Parnell last Monday, when the drowning occurred there, possibly will not feel so proud of their expert work when they read

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